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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, applicant respectfully requests that the following amendment be entered.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

*Please amend the following paragraphs to read as shown:*

*Page 2, paragraph beginning at line 7:*

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Routers and hosts exist in subnets that are connected to other subnets, via routers, forming the Internet. New subnets can be added at any time, as can faster routers. Since the Internet is inherently organic, addition of new components requires only localized changes and does not necessitate a massive network upgrade. The network, as represented by the Internet, is thus capable of automatically adjusting and absorbing new functionality.

*Page 14, paragraph beginning at line 21:*

B2  
Alternatively, the user can specify the particular resource on the destination appliance to which the content is to be routed. Routing content from a source resource on a source appliance